(c) whether monthly fees of students have been increased only to pay for appointments made under privatisation; and

(d) if so, what would be the impact of increasing burden of fees on the guardians belonging to middle and lower classes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in order to improve the upkeep and maintenance of Kendriya Vidyalayas, it has been decided to hire the services of private agencies in the field of security, cleanliness, and horticulture, wherever possible.

(c) and (d) Pupil Fund, Maintenance & Development Fund and Science Fund have been merged together as "Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi" w.e.f. 01.04.2000. The increase in the amount to be charged per student per month is nominal.

Universalisation of elementary education

†715. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to launch education for all campaign to expand elementary education in the country;

(b) if so, the outlines of the scheme;

(c) the State-wise details of expenditure estimated to be incurred annually in various States to implement this scheme; and

(d) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Government is in the process of formulating the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to provide universal elementary education of satisfactory quality for all by 2010. Planning activities have been initiated and the scheme is likely to be operationalised in the current financial year. No State-wise allocation has been made under this scheme.

Task Force for women

716. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up the Task Force for women in terms of assurance given in the General Budget for 2000-2001.

(b) if so, the details thereof and its terms of reference;

(c) whether some objectives and functions have been laid down;

(d) if so, the details thereof, with time limit fixed, to achieve the proposed objectives;

(e) whether the functions and jurisdiction of the said Task Force would overlap with the functions of the National Commission for Women; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Recommendations of NCW amending women related laws

717. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by the National Commission for Women relating to amendment of Laws dealing with women's issues;

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